

Date Mailed March 16, 2001

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Complaint Against Ameritech Wisconsin Filed By
Wisconsin Builders Association, Inc.

6720-TI-167

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING, AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS,
AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date:	Tuesday, March 27, 2001 – 9:00 a.m.
Conference Location:	Public Service Commission Pecatonica River Conference Room (basement level) 610 North Whitney Way Madison, Wisconsin

THIS IS A PROCEEDING on the complaint filed by the Wisconsin Builders Association, Inc. (WBA), on December 21, 2000, against Wisconsin Bell, Inc., d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin (AW), for alleged violations of Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, 196.22, 196.37, 196.60, 196.196, and Wis. Admin. Code PSC 165.051, and ch. PSC 163. This complaint concerns construction charges to developers under Ameritech tariff P.S.C. of W. 20, Part 2, Section 5.

The WBA alleges that AW's construction charges tariff is unjust and unreasonable because it allows AW a multiple recovery of costs, allows an unreasonable overcharge to customers and the WBA relative to actual costs, contains exception language that "eviscerates" the tariff, violates the customer deposit rules in Wis. Admin. Code. PSC 165.051, and improperly conceals a rate increase for existing services in violation of Wis. Stat. §196.196. WBA requests various cumulative and alternative remedies, including suspension of the tariff, compulsory refile for notice compliance, and other incidental relief

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., in the Pecatonica River Conference Room (basement level) at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building.

The prehearing conference, will seek to: (1) identify parties; (2) identify issues; (3) determine the date and time for a hearing; (4) specify dates for filing testimony and exhibits; and (5) any other matters that will facilitate the hearing.

This is a Class 1 contested case.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of AW. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from AW in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Judith Klug at (608) 267-1204.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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